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SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement Public Review; B-21 Main Operating Base 1 (MOB 1) Beddown at Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas or Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota

To Whom It May Concern,

The Air Force is publishing a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register that announces the availability of the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the B-21 MOB 1 Beddown at Dyess AFB, Texas or Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota*. The publication of the NOA on September 25, 2020, begins a 46-day public comment period. The Draft EIS and supporting documents are available on the project website at www.B21EIS.com. A printed copy of the Draft EIS has also been provided to the following libraries and repositories:

Rapid City Public Library 610 Quincy Street Rapid City, SD 57701

Devereaux Library South Dakota School of Mines & Technology 501 East Saint Joseph Street Rapid City, SD 57701

Sturgis Public Library 1040 Harley-Davidson Way, Suite 101 Sturgis, SD 57785

Big Horn County Library 419 North Custer Avenue Hardin, MT 59034

Miles City Public Library 1 South 10th Street Miles City, MT 59301 Dickinson Area Public Library 139 3rd Street West Dickinson, ND 58601

Abilene Public Library – Main Library 202 Cedar Street Abilene, TX 79601

Howard County Library 500 Main Street Big Spring, TX 79720

Brownwood Public Library 600 Carnegie Street Brownwood, TX 76801

Fort Sumner Public Library 235 W. Sumner Avenue Fort Sumner, NM 88119

The Air Force plans to hold virtual public hearings on the dates and times listed below. Please visit the project website (www.B21EIS.com) for details on registering to participate in the virtual public hearings and to make verbal comments during the hearings.

- Tuesday, October 13, 2020 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)
- Thursday, October 15, 2020 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CST

- Tuesday, October 20, 2020 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST)
- Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. MST

The project website can be used to submit comments on the Draft EIS. Comments may also be submitted by mail to Leidos, ATTN: B-21 EIS, 1456 Woodlawn Way, Gulf Breeze, Florida, 32563. Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. However, to ensure that the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Final EIS, comments must be submitted to the website or mailed to the address listed above by November 9, 2020.

Please direct any requests for information or other inquiries to the Dyess AFB Public Affairs, (325) 696-4820, or after hours (325) 268-6554, 7bwpa@us.af.mil; or Ellsworth AFB Public Affairs, (605) 385-5056, or after hours (605) 391-7436, 28bw.public.affairs@us.af.mil.

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